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## DEATH LIST MAY REACH 500 IN MONONGAH EXPLOSION; FEW BODIES TAKEN OUT.

Starting of Fan in No. 8 Mine Last Night Started Fire  
Afresh and Heroic Work Necessary to Check It.

### CLEARING MINES OF WRECKAGE.

Officials Hope to Have Ventilation  
Opened by Six O'Clock This Evening  
So Rescuing Parties Can Reach All  
Portions of the Infated Pits.

By Telephone to The Courier  
MONONGAH, Dec. 7.—At 30 this afternoon 11 bodies had been recovered from Mine No. 6 and brought to the surface. It is expected that a great many more will be brought to the surface this afternoon. The work of rescue is now progressing rapidly. The fire in No. 8 heading has about been extinguished.

It is estimated here that the death list will exceed 500. Hope that some of the victims may be found alive in the mines has practically been abandoned.

Special to The Courier  
FAIRMONT, Dec. 7.—The explosion which occurred in Mines Nos. 6 and 8 of the Fairmont Coal Company at Monongah yesterday afternoon will go down as one of the worst catastrophes of this nature in the history of coal mining and perhaps the worst in the United States. The report today is still estimated that between 100 and 500 men lost their lives in the disaster and time does not tend to reduce these figures. The maximum may be reached.

The work of rescue is being pushed forward but with little progress. The rescuers have met with numerous obstacles since their work was started each day, they have to a great extent and increasing the anxiety and suffering of the wives and mothers and children who crowd the mines around the pit mouth.

About 3:30 this morning a fan was started at the mouth of No. 8 mine where the explosion was worst. The current of air from this fan was too smoldering flames and caused them to start anew. It became necessary to stop the fan and fight fire. And such a fight. Time after time the rescuing parties working in shifts of 10 men each, penetrated the heading, only to be forced back by the dense smoke and flames arising from the smoldering blaze. At 8 o'clock the flames were brought under control and had about been extinguished at noon.

In the meantime other rescuers fared better in Mine No. 6. With bull dog persistence they worked back to the main heading finally reaching a point 7 miles and a half from the mouth. All efforts are being directed towards opening this main heading. When it is cleared in No. 6 the men will continue through to No. 8 the two being connected. It is believed that at the present rate of progress the main headings of both mines will be cleared by 6 o'clock this evening.

This will give a current of fresh air through both mines and make it possible for the work of rescue to be resumed. With the main heading cleared work will be directed toward clearing the butt headings and working places.

Only 10 bodies have been brought to the surface. Most of them are burned and bruised beyond all hope of recognition. The corpses were removed to the temporary morgue in the new building of the Monongah National Bank. Another morgue has been established in an old building around the corner, from this structure Undertakers Cunningham, Massgrave and Jones are in charge of the corpses and will take charge of the dead. Many assistants are here from all over the state and Western Pennsylvania.

All hope of rescuing any imprisoned men has been abandoned. Most of them were instantly killed. Few suffered agony death was sudden and unexpected.

The cause of the accident is a mystery. I may never be known. The only man in either mine who escaped alive was Peter Rosbig, a foreigner. He was found by a rescuing party but all reason had fled and he will never be able to tell what happened in the earthly hell. One story as to the cause is the breaking of a coal pipe which permitted heavily laden cars to crash back into the mine, lighting the accumulated gas and resulting in an explosion. The first explosion it is said was in No. 6 instantly followed by a greater one in No. 8. The shock of the concussion was felt for miles around. Buildings toppled from their foundations and fragments built hundreds of yards away.

As yet no official statement has been made by the officials of the Fairmont Coal Company.

mont Coal Company. All have been too busy attending the work of rescue to issue anything of this nature. The incident after the accident occurred all officers of the company here hurried to Monongah where they are still supervising the work of rescue. It is estimated that one in four of the victims were Americans. A large number of boys are among them. John P. McGraw, an official of the Monongah mines was in the pit when the explosion occurred and undoubtedly perished. With him and also a victim was C. D. Wilson, a prominent civil engineer of Fairmont. W. H. Bliss, engineer of No. 8 who was near the pit mouth and blown away, died later at the Mingo Hospital. The dead first bodies which have been taken from the mine are those of Fred Cooper, a motorman who leaves a wife and child living in Fairmont. John Herman, married of Monongah and Louisa Hirschman, aged 18, a bride when Joe Newton, a negro worked in No. 8 fan house, which was blown away. He sustained severe cuts on his head and is in the hospital here. Patrick McDevitt is also at the hospital, badly injured but doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Among the 10 bodies brought to the surface are those of four unidentified foreigners and a negro.

Harry Coney, a thrower was an eye witness to the explosion. He says: "I was working directly opposite Mine No. 8 at the time of the explosion and when I glanced in the direction of the pit I saw that the whole hill was coming toward me. It was most terrible to see the river bottom the water running into a hole, where which washed the banks and almost reached the railroad tracks."

Tom miners made a miraculous escape through in the thick of the mine which only one of them knew of. They were from and to Septimius Dan Domilico and his father. Domilico carried his father through the shift but the others were able to walk. The heading of Peter Rosbig was pitiful. The rescuing party led by J. J. McGraw, a railroad engineer, was in No. 6 heading, but of reason and sitting on the chair of reason of his brother. He fought all the rescuers and when finally brought to the surface, he was found to be dead. He is hopelessly insane. Now Rosbig's mother, a foreigner, is breathing his last and expired before the party could return for him.

Charles Honaker, a 15 year old trap per boy was working near the mouth of No. 8. The explosion caught him up and with clothes flying he was hurled hundreds of yards into the river. His body has not yet been recovered.

The first rescuing party to enter either mine was in charge of Superintendent J. C. Gaskill. With a gang of carpenters he succeeded in entering No. 6 late in the afternoon and by the pathetic appeals of those who still hoped some of the catombed men might be rescued alive. Slowly they battled the outcrops and debris at every step. Their return was awaited with suppressed anxiety by the thousands gathered at the pit mouth. They emerged at twilight but empty handed. Their faces showed the ordeal through which they had passed. An other party went down at 8 o'clock. The fan had been repaired and restored ventilation aided the rescuers. Side entries were closed and bratticed and only points which could be safely reached were explored. Here and there they stumbled over the prostrate forms of victims lying in every conceivable posture. Many of them suffered untold agony until flames or fumes of the deadly black damp ended their pain.

Although the crowds left the pit mouths before midnight they returned this morning in greater force. Monongah is the largest coal mining town in the State and added to the hundreds of relatives and friends of the victims every car brought scores upon scores of curious spectators to the scene from throughout Clarkburg and surrounding towns. A steady army of newspaper men are on the scene, one of whom came even from Cincinnati and other distant points. Some have been in the pits who have lost new and dear ones stand with countenances expressing grief and pathos.

Ten or ten figures will be held tomorrow afternoon.

## THE SPLENDID SHOWING OF THE CONNELLVILLE BANKS.

\$1.37 Security for Every \$1.00 on Deposit and the Reserve Funds  
Far Above the Requirements of Law.

The Connellville banks are as solid as a rock. Figures don't lie and the following figures taken from the reports just published in compliance with the call of the Comptroller of the Currency are certainly highly satisfactory not only to the management of the banks but also to their depositors and to the Connellville public generally.

They show the total resources of the Connellville and New Haven national banks to be \$3,031,811 and the total liabilities \$1,002,511. If we add to the resources the total capital stock of \$1,000,000 which is also a liability

on the part of the stockholders to the deposits at each of the banks, we have a total resource of \$4,031,811. The margin of safety is \$3,029,300. The law requires each reserve of 15 per cent of the deposits and other demands of which at 10 per cent at least is to be in cash in the bank and the remainder may be deposited with a proper reserve bank. The reserve is 600,000,000. New York is the reserve bank for the western states. During the last year the banks have received from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York the following:

BANK.		ASSETS	LIABILITIES
First National	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Second National	500,000	500,000	500,000
Young National	500,000	500,000	500,000
Children's National	500,000	500,000	500,000
Colonial National	500,000	500,000	500,000
New Haven National	500,000	500,000	500,000
Totals	\$3,031,811	\$3,031,811	\$1,002,511

### DEATH LIST GROWS.

According to Figures Sent Out This Afternoon by the United Press Association.

FAIRMONT, Dec. 7.—Mine officials today gave out the first list of names of men who went into the mines. Fred Cooper, a motorman who leaves a wife and child living in Fairmont. John Herman, married of Monongah and Louisa Hirschman, aged 18, a bride when Joe Newton, a negro worked in No. 8 fan house, which was blown away. He sustained severe cuts on his head and is in the hospital here. Patrick McDevitt is also at the hospital, badly injured but doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Among the 10 bodies brought to the surface are those of four unidentified foreigners and a negro.

### MONONGAH VICTIMS.

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### WILL BE BUPIED HERE

Two Victims of Monongah Disaster to Be Interred at Fairmont.

The bodies of two of the Monongah mine explosion victims will be buried here this afternoon at 2 P. M. at the Fairmont cemetery. The bodies are those of Fred Cooper, a motorman who leaves a wife and child living in Fairmont. John Herman, married of Monongah and Louisa Hirschman, aged 18, a bride when Joe Newton, a negro worked in No. 8 fan house, which was blown away. He sustained severe cuts on his head and is in the hospital here. Patrick McDevitt is also at the hospital, badly injured but doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Among the 10 bodies brought to the surface are those of four unidentified foreigners and a negro.

### CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

Democratic and Prohibition Citizens' Chairman File Statements of Amounts They Expended.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—The Democratic and Prohibition Citizens' chairmen have filed their statements of campaign expenses with the county clerk. The statements show that the Democratic campaign committee has expended \$1,000 and the Prohibition committee has expended \$500.

### RESERVES DECISION.

Case of J. H. P. et al. Against O. C. Held at Uniontown.

The case of J. H. P. et al. against O. C. was held at Uniontown this morning. The case was argued by J. H. P. et al. and O. C. The court decided in favor of J. H. P. et al.

### CHURCH JUDGES DECISION.

The decision of the church judges was held at Uniontown this morning. The decision was in favor of the church judges.

### CHURCH IS SELECTED.

The church was selected for the purpose of holding a convention at Uniontown this morning. The convention was held at the church.

### SLATE FALL FATAL.

Arthur Patterson Killed in Mines Near Tyrone Church Yesterday Afternoon.

Arthur Patterson, a miner, was killed in the mines near Tyrone church yesterday afternoon. He was working in the mine when a slate fell on him, killing him.

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## ROBBERS COOL AT THEIR WORK; POLICE ARE TARDY ON THE SCENE.

Thieves Enter Reichstein's Store on Main Street and Carry Off Over \$150 Worth of Goods.

### SHOT AT BY BURGLAR

Hempfield Miner Has Narrow Escape in Bed Room.

CHILDSBURG, Dec. 7.—(Special) James Thompson, a Hempfield miner, was shot at twice last night while he was in his bed room. The burglar entered the store and carried off over \$150 worth of goods. The police were tardy on the scene.

### A NEW BOOZE.

Ellis Holiday Drinks Elder Blossom Wine and It Produces Terrible Effects.

Ellis Holiday, a miner, drank a bottle of Elder Blossom wine and it produced terrible effects. He was taken to the hospital and is now recovering.

### DIED AN AMERICAN.

Fred Koewsky Was Anxious to Have Naturalized Papers Before He Passed Away.

Fred Koewsky, a miner, was found dead in his bed room. He was anxious to have his naturalized papers before he passed away. He was an American.

### HERE TODAY.

President Murray and Inspection Party Will Arrive This Afternoon to Go to M. P. Island.

President Murray and his inspection party will arrive in Connellville this afternoon. They will go to M. P. Island.

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### IN PLAIN VIEW FROM STREET.

Two Men Deliberately Sorting Out the Goods They Wanted Discovered by B & O Man Who Notified Police. Posses Too Late to Make Spectacular Capture.

Robbers early this morning forced an entrance into the dry goods store of B. Reichstein, corner of Meadow Alley and Main street, and carried away about \$150 worth of goods, the great loss being suffered from the theft of a number of furs. The thieves gained an entrance through a small side window between the Soloman theatre and the store room. The window was forced and iron bars over the window on the inside of the store room were pried loose.

The furs were hanging almost directly in front of this window and were easily obtainable. Mr. Reichstein this morning was unable to tell exactly what was taken from the store but he is sure that at least eight fur pieces, between 8 and 10 ladies' skirts, a large number of ladies' wraps, and a quantity of ribbons were stolen. A bundle of wraps was found in the street nearby early this morning.

J. C. Dunston, a fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, first saw the robbers at work as he was coming home from work. He went for the police and first ran across private watchman George H. H. Watchman. H. H. came and saw the men at work and started after reinforcements. At the police station the night officers it was stated did not go immediately to the store but gathered a posse first. When they came down to the store the robbers were gone with their booty. It was also stated this morning that Watchman H. H. blew his police whistle before going to the police station but there was no response. Dunston says the robbers were at work in plain view from Main street and must have been in the store for 15 or 20 minutes. The police and posse searched the town over but no trace of them could be found.

Levi Canoe saw foot men running up Main street about the time the burglary occurred but he did not know until some time later that the Reichstein store had been robbed. Mr. Reichstein was not notified of the robbery until five o'clock this morning. All of the night force had retired this morning before Burgess Soloman could get their version of the robbery. From the manner in which the building was entered the general supposition is that the robbers were no amateurs. The window through which they entered was hidden from the interior of the store by large piles of women's clothing and it is only visible from the outside by going through a narrow way between the Soloman theatre building and the old Kutz building. It is rather high from the ground and the robbers in order to have carried out their job successfully must have had assistance on the exterior of the building.

The Reichstein robbery makes the night a similar kind in Connellville during the past few months. Among the places robbed recently are the Soloman theatre, B. H. H. drug store, Lewis shoe store, Artman's and Reim's music store. No large amount of money has been taken in these stores but goods to a rather large amount have been pillooted. Of all the goods taken from these stores not a single piece has been traced by the police.

### LOCKED UP IN SAFE.

Burgess Alleged to Have Used Heroic Treatment for Prisoner.

SOLICITOR P. L. Dec. 7.—(Special) Burgess, Thomas D. H. of Windy, was freed on trial in criminal court here yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus. He was charged with robbing an officer who was being held jointly with Officer H. H. H. in the absence of a policeman. The officer was taken to the hospital and is now recovering.

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## COURIER SCORES BEAT ON EXPLOSION.

Only Newspaper in Fayette County That Printed Detailed Story of Monongah Mine Disaster—Public Appreciated Late Extra Which Was Entirely Sold Out—Characteristic Courier Enterprise Obtained News First Hand at Monongah and Fairmont.

The Daily Courier has used lead all other newspapers in Fayette county and Southwest Pennsylvania yesterday afternoon. It gave the public the first authentic and detailed story of the Monongah mine disaster. An extra edition of 100 papers was printed at 6 o'clock. This evening the story of the explosion was set up to 1 o'clock. The Courier has a large circulation in Fayette county and it is a fact that the Courier is the only newspaper in Fayette county that printed a detailed story of the Monongah mine disaster. The Courier's story was the first to be published and it was the most detailed and accurate. The Courier's story was the first to be published and it was the most detailed and accurate. The Courier's story was the first to be published and it was the most detailed and accurate.

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## GRAND JURY RETURNS.

Work Completed this Morning—Feature Was Great Number of Bills Ignored.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—The Grand Jury completed its labors at noon today and were discharged with the thanks of the court. There were 278 criminal cases on the docket, but many of these were disposed of by pleas of guilty. The jury examined into 173 cases, found 113 true bills, and ignored 55. There were called 775 witnesses.

District Attorney Headmason stated today that the jury had made a record in the examination of cases. Yesterday there were 47 cases passed on by the body, some of them being important. The following bills were returned ignored this morning:

Samuel Koral, assault and battery, county for costs; Jose Prica, assault and battery, Jacob Kradish for costs; R. M. Cook, assault and battery, J. E. McGee for costs; Roy Moley, fraudulently obtaining board and absconding, county for costs; Mary Jane Williams, assault and battery, James D. Gold for costs; Anna Williams, assault and battery, James D. Gold for costs; Jacob Kerber, Elmer George James Cavitt and Frank Elumner, assault and battery, Mary Sula for costs; Peter Seredie, assault and battery, Mike Sutank for costs; John Borris, assault and battery and pointing fire arms, county for costs; John Lavein, assault and battery, county for costs; Frank Werbesky, assault and battery, county for costs; Ralph Voip, assault and battery, Andy Yarga for costs; Harry Seohrist, assault and battery, county for costs.

True Bills.—Susan Yoham, larceny by bailor; Jacob Pip, absconding from a board bill; Gabriel Kubero, larceny by clerk; Grant Savage, fraudulently obtaining board and absconding from a board bill; T. W. Baxter and Belle Baxter, larceny by bailor; Steve Rivoltz, cruelty to animals; Artemus Show, desertion and non-support; Henry Savage, violating the election laws, two counts; Andy Sudor, assault and battery; Andy Sudor, assault and battery; George Gates, fornication, bastardy and seduction.

Jacob Bizub, assault and battery; John Babrick and John Paul, assault and battery; R. A. Oltick, selling liquor without license; Ben Clark, embezzlement by consignment; Jefferson Sutton, aggravated assault and battery; Nelson Carley, assault and battery; Joe Kuchel and Tony Miller, larceny and robbery; Paul Hamerlich, desertion and non-support; Spencer Bailey, larceny; William Harvey, fornication, bastardy and rape; Sanford Thomas, fraudulently obtaining board and absconding; G. R. Hedrick, alias A. A. Scott, forgery; Webster Carley, assault and battery; James Labella, malicious mischief; Steve Hegergense, wilfully destroying devices on coal cars.

### CASE SETTLED

Between Trotter Water Company and A. B. Moore.  
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—The long drawn out case between A. B. Moore and Luella M. Robbins of Greensburg against the Trotter Water Company was settled today by the defendant Water Company paying \$500.00. The action started in the courts several years ago, the plaintiffs securing an injunction to prevent the company from laying its water line through a farm in South Union township. The injunction proceedings were widely drawn and seven viewings appointed by the court. The case was then continued along and the amicable settlement was made today.

### NOTICE

To Members of Division 50, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.  
The funeral of our late brother, J. G. Pyle, will take place from his late residence at Rockwood on Sunday, December 8th, at 2:30 P. M.  
Funeral services will be held in the Reform church, Interment in Odd Fellows' cemetery, Rockwood, Pa.  
All other orders are cordially invited to attend.

A. J. WHITTLE, Chief Engineer.  
J. H. BITTNER, First Assistant.

### BURNED BY GAS.

Accumulated in House Furnace and Seriously Injured Woman.  
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—Mrs. David Siders, residing at Kahney Junction, on the Coal Lick Run branch, was severely burned by an accumulation of gas in the house furnace which exploded as she stirred the fire.  
Her hair and breast were severely burned, and but for her presence of mind the house would have been destroyed.

### UNDERTAKERS WANTED.

Local Man Goes to Monongah to Assist in Preparing Bodies.  
A general call for undertakers has gone out from Monongah and many are hastening there from all over the country.

John G. Fenton, employed at Stus' morgue, left this morning to assist in preparing the dead for burial there.

Federal Troops at Goldfield.  
GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Col. Reynolds and his federal troops assigned to keep order during the miners strike arrived today and immediately took possession of the mine property.

Skate on River.  
Quite a large number of boys enjoyed skating along the New Haven side of the Yough this morning. It was dangerous.

## LITERARY PROGRAM

Arranged at Special Meeting of Connellsville Literary Society.

At a special meeting of the Connellsville Literary Society held yesterday afternoon at the close of the regular meeting of the society it was decided to hold a periodical to the program for the inter-literary entertainment to be held by the two societies in February.

The names of the members of the society were chosen to participate in the program and read on. The result of the election will be made known Monday. The program will consist of an essay, declamation, oration, debate and a periodical.

### MAY SETTLE CASE

Against Brownville Foreigners Who Violated Mine Law.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—An effort is being made to settle the case against the five foreigners arrested at Brownville for using igneous oil in their lamps. Mine Inspector Young says many foreigners throughout the region are using this grade of oil and that it is dangerous. Mr. Young will agree to settle the cases by the men paying their fines of \$25 and the costs.

### MANY SLEEPERS.

Cold Weather Drives Many to Police Station for Lodging.

Burgess Soisson this morning devoted a long time to examining men who apply for sleeping quarters at the local police station. In all there were eight men who asked for lodging last night.

With the continued cold weather the nightly crowd increases and there is frequently a shortage of room for the regular prisoners.

### Bob Connelly a Papa.

A fine big boy came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Connelly of New Salem last night, and the cigars and other things forthcoming from happy parents on such occasions are being passed around today. Both Mr. and Mrs. Connelly lived in Connellsville and Scottsdale. Mrs. Connelly was Miss Anna Rowan.

### NEW SOISSON THEATRE

Opens Tuesday, December 17.  
Seats now on sale at Graham's Drug Store, North Pittsburg street, formerly Market's.

Get Their Commissions.  
Officers John Detemple and W. T. Bayless, both Pennsylvania railroad special officers, have received their commissions from the State Department.

Try one of our classified ads. Only one cent a word.

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EVENINGS  
UNTIL XMAS.

ONLY  
17 DAYS  
UNTIL XMAS.

# FOR XMAS

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Up-to-date display of the choicest diamonds, rich jewelry, and beautiful silverware awaits your inspection. You are welcome whether you buy or not.

Large New Illustrated Catalog FREE.  
Send us your name and address on a postal card and we will mail at once our New Catalog.

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The First Rush of Holiday Trade is Demonstrating again the strength and position of this store. We are giving Christmas shoppers the most convenient store, the freshest and best selected stocks in the city, giving the best delivery service that can be organized, giving the greatest values honest merchandise industry can provide.

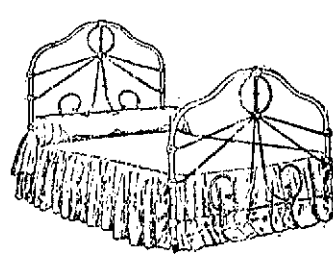
Christmas Gifts Bought Now Will be Laid Away Until You Want Them.

**A. W. BISHOP**, 107 W. MAIN STREET, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

## YOU'LL DO BETTER AT Featherman & Sumberg's

### Time to Think About Things for Christmas.

You are now confronted with the Christmas present problem. What shall we get for the question of the day. Why not buy something this year that will give lasting pleasure and by of some particular use. There is no doubt but what we can help you out in the gift problem. We have many new things in the way of furniture that will make splendid gifts. Then, too, you know, if you buy here you have the privilege of taking advantage of our plan of credit, a little down and the balance in small easy payments.



Complete Bed Outfit  
Bed, Springs and Mattress,

**\$10.50**

A brass trimmed iron bed, a set of good steel springs and an excellent soft top mattress, all for the small price of \$10.50. Here is a bargain that ought to attract you. Nothing cheap about this outfit in any particular only the price of it.

WE'LL SET ASIDE ONE OF THESE OUTFITS FOR YOU.

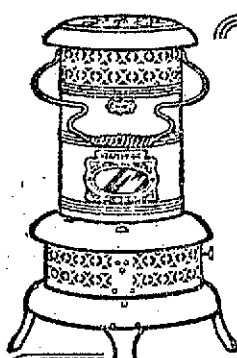


Parlor Rockers as Christmas Gifts

If you were to look over our big assortment of Parlor Rocking Chairs the problem of a Christmas present would be solved immediately. We have so many different styles in rockers that it would be difficult to tell you about all of them but we can assure you that you can find no prettier rockers anywhere nor will you find prices that can compare with ours. We can show you a pretty rocker as low as.....

**\$2.75**

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### For a Warm Bath Room

A bath in a cold room is a "shivery" operation and is extremely liable to cause colds. The bathroom above all should be kept warm. This is easy and the bath is a comfort if you have a

## PERFECTION Oil Heater

(Equipped with Smokeless Device)

It may be carried from any other room to the bath room, which it will heat while you are preparing for the bath. Impossible to turn it too high or too low. The most economical heater you can buy—intense heat for 9 hours with one filling.

The **Rayo Lamp** is the best lamp for all-round household purposes. Gives a clear, steady light. Made of brass throughout and nickel plated. Equipped with the latest improved central draft burner. Handsome—simple—satisfactory. Every lamp guaranteed.

If you cannot get heater or lamp at your dealer's, write our nearest agency for descriptive circular.

**ATLANTIC REFINING CO.**  
(Incorporated)



## Catches the Nose.

That is exactly what a good perfume does. Nothing makes a nicer or more appropriate present than Perfume in Cut Glass Bottles. We have on display the most complete stock in Fayette county to choose from.

**HUDNUTS, RICKSECKERS, SPIEHLERS, COLGATES.**

Can suit the most fastidious taste or the most slender pocketbook. Our new perfume case alone is worth coming in to look at even if you do not intend to buy.

## GRAHAM & CO. Druggists,

Pittsburg & Apple Sts.,  
CONNELLSVILLE, PENNA.

## Moerlein's

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### Always Up to the Mark



For over half a century Moerlein's has been the standard for beer purity.

Sold everywhere on draught or in the brewery bottling.

Send your order today and a case of Moerlein's "throwaway bottling" will be delivered promptly to your address.  
**PITTSBURG DISTRIBUTOR.**  
Ernest F. Rusch, 506 Second Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Bell Phone, Court 1312. P. & A. Phone, Main 587.

## Union Supply Company

58 Department Stores Overflowing with Bargains

Just at the present time bargain hunters throughout the coke region will find the Union Supply Company stores filled up with all sorts of material for Men and Boys, Women and Girls. Christmas time is near at hand and if you are looking for presents you will find something suitable in our stores. There are many nice and very desirable things for Men and Boys, many new and very choice things for Women and Girls. We will not attempt to specify, but earnestly request that you visit our stores before making your Christmas purchases.

### There Are Great Stocks of Children's Goods

In every Union Supply Company store. If you want to outfit the Boy in a suit of clothes, an overcoat, shoes, gloves, a good warm cap, or underwear, go right straight to the nearest Union Supply Company store, or if you want to outfit the girl with good warm wraps, good warm clothing, shoes, headgear, or underwear, for school or for any other occasion, go right straight to a Union Supply Company store. The numerous bargains in all these lines are a great inducement.

## UNION SUPPLY COMPANY,

58 DEPARTMENT STORES

Located in Westmoreland, Fayette and Allegheny Counties.

## Shoes for Stormy Weather

Changes are that those every day shoes of yours are beginning to show signs of hard service, at any rate this is the time of the year when an extra pair of shoes comes in handy. Naturally you are desirous of securing a pair of shoes that will wear, consequently we invite you to come here. These stormy weather shoes of ours are strong and durable but at the same time are as light and pliable as summer footwear. Don't wait until you get wet feet—come today.

**JOHN IRWIN.**

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## INDEPENDENTS MEET.

Coke Men of Connellsville Regions Planning Permanent Organizations.

### MORE COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

General Secretary Will Be Employed and Within a Short Time It is Expected a Thorough Organization Will Be Effected.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 7.—Although a permanent organization was not established at the meeting of the independent coke operators last night, yet committees were appointed and other arrangements made looking toward an early consummation of that object. The committee appointed at the last meeting, consisting of Harry Whyel, O. W. Kennedy, G. S. Harrah, M. N. Cochran, T. J. Mitchell, A. P. Austin, L. W. Fogg, W. A. Stone and R. L. Martin, to draw up by-laws and devise a method of organization, presented a preamble, which was accepted.

O. W. Kennedy, Harry Whyel, T. J. Mitchell, W. A. Stone and L. W. Fogg were appointed as an Executive Committee, whose duties are to employ a general secretary and appoint sub-committees to take care of any difficulties that may arise.

A mining committee of Harry Whyel, L. W. Fogg and O. W. Kennedy will look after the new mining legislation and a membership committee, consisting of G. S. Harrah, Geo. Bortz and Harry Whyel are to solicit the balance of the operators to become members of the organization.

It is expected that every independent coke works in Western Pennsylvania will have a representative at the next meeting, for which the time has not yet been fixed, but as soon as the membership committee is ready to report a meeting will be called. Arrangements have been made so that the chairman of each committee can have a meeting with the others at any time.

The present officers, O. W. Kennedy, President; Harry Whyel, Secretary, and G. S. Harrah, Treasurer, will serve until others are chosen. Two additional companies, Republic Iron & Steel and Struthers Furnace, were represented last night.

### GOT REBATES.

Big Grafting Scheme in Tickets Said to Have Been Uncovered on the B. & O.

Several Baltimore & Ohio railroad employees have disappeared, others have been dismissed from the service of the company and several more will likely be discharged as the result of a rigid investigation now being made with regard to alleged irregularities in connection with the handling of the passenger business in Pittsburgh.

The investigation will show that many of the tickets sold to passengers were not punched but were returned to the ticket office, where they were redeemed and the money, it is alleged, divided among the employees.

The majority of the tickets redeemed are said to have been for distant points, and it is claimed that large sums of money were divided among those taking a hand in the affair. It is understood that persons having no connection with the railroad were hired to have the tickets redeemed, making the idea that they missed the train or that they could not make the trip on account of sickness in their family.

Some of the employees who have spent practically their entire lives with the Baltimore & Ohio are implicated in the affair, and some of these are among the missing. A similar investigation has been made on the Pennsylvania railroad.

### MT. PLEASANT.

Personal Chat of the Staid Old West.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 7.—Robert Shaw of Uniontown was a business caller at this place Friday.

J. F. Berger of Connellsville was calling on friends here Friday afternoon.

Try our classified advertisements. The Modern Woodmen of this place have received their new uniforms and expect to make a fine appearance in the future.

Mrs. George Brinker of Blacklick is visiting at the home of J. H. Brinker on Bridgeport street.

Arthur Lechling of Smithfield street is confined to his home with an abscess of the throat.

Mrs. Alice Simpson of Carpenter town was visiting Miss Ada Orr of Vine street recently.

Mrs. J. J. McWilliams of this place was taken to the Memorial Hospital today, suffering with typhoid fever.

Mrs. E. J. McWilliams of this place returned from a short visit to Williamsburg friends and relatives.

Mrs. A. Buckle of Diamond street fell in front of her home and broke her leg.

Ralph Bowers of this place will return to his work at McKee's Rocks on Monday.

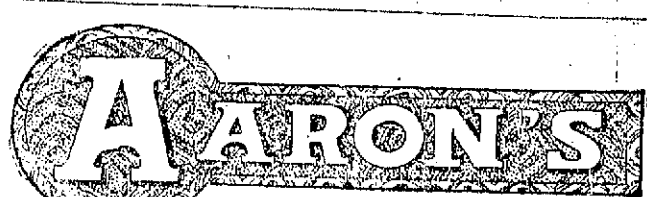
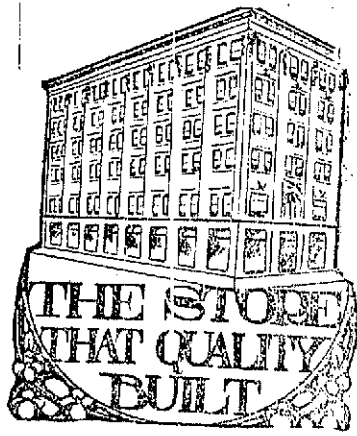
"The Banister's Child" was the attraction at the Grand Opera House last evening. On Tuesday evening "The Train Robbery" will be here.

Local lovers of ice skating were taking advantage of the good ice at Rumburg's dam the last few days.

George Overholt of this place was a business caller at Scott's Friday.

Ohio Bowers of McKee's Rocks was visiting friends here Friday.

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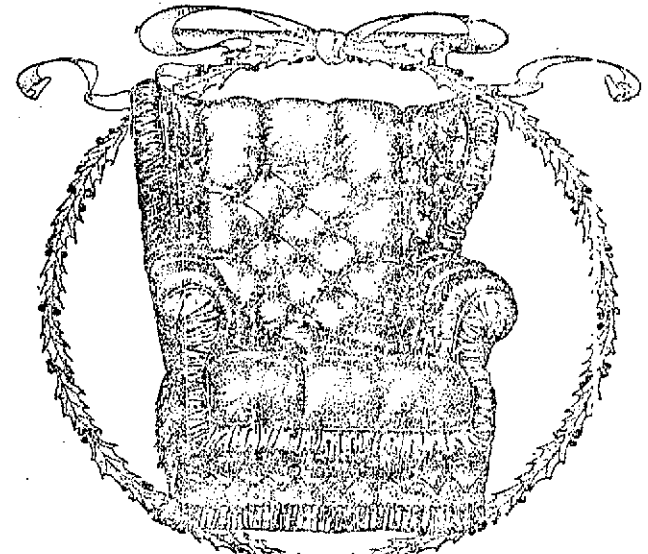
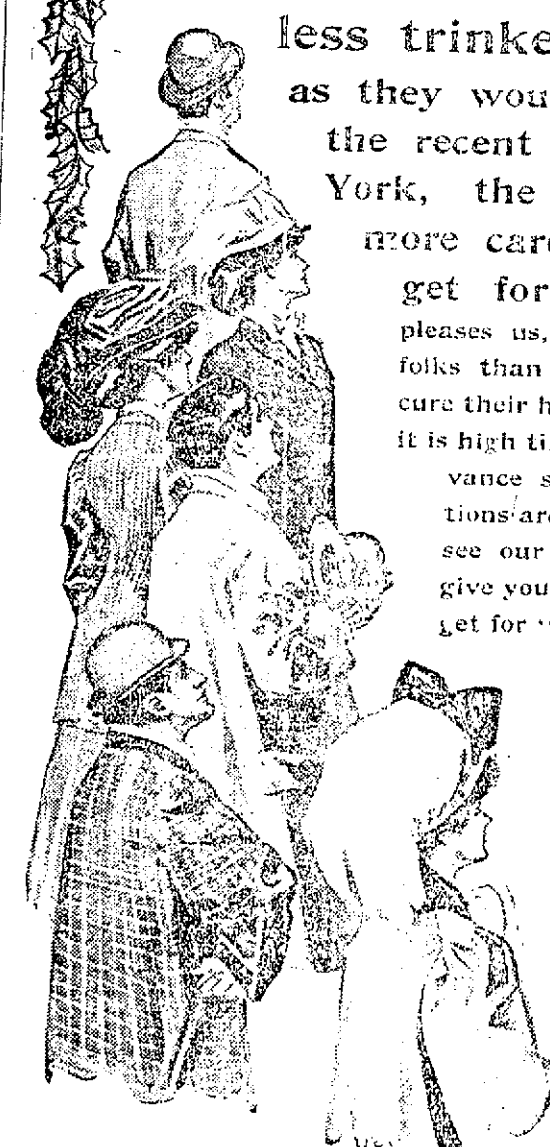


This Will Be a Season of Practical Christmas Gifts and the People will avoid the use-

less trinkets and gew-gaws as they would the plague. Since the recent money scare in New York, the people have become more careful about what they get for their money. This pleases us, because we know that more folks than ever will turn our way to secure their holiday needs. And, by the way, it is high time YOU were doing some advance shopping—for the earlier selections are always the best. Come and see our beautiful stocks. They will give you many good ideas as to what to get for "her" or for "him."

Christmas Buying Will be Much Earlier This Season than for many years past. Already our display of practical, sensible, beautiful and desirable articles for gift-giving is complete, and we court an early examination. We'll be very glad to lay aside anything that strikes your fancy and deliver it whenever and wherever you say. In this way you can get many of your shopping affairs off your mind, and rest assured that there will be no vexatious delays or mistakes on our part. And need we tell you, one and all, that your credit is one hundred per cent. good here—as good as gold? You probably know it anyhow.

Come and see us early, anyhow.



**Sleepy Hollow Turkish Leather Rocker**

Made of genuine horsehide leather and not cheap imitation, so freely offered elsewhere. Entirely new idea in Sleepy Hollow style. Very generous in size and comfortable in shape. Back is shaped to fit the body, and arms are roomy and comfortable. Fringe is made by hand from the same quality of leather used in upholstery. Back and seat is diamond tufted. Full spring edge, fitted with Harrington Springs which adds to its luxury. Rocks in any direction. We believe it the most rest-giving rocker ever offered.

**\$29.75**

### Gifts for Mother.

- Easy Rockers .....\$2.00 to \$50
- Easy Arm Chairs .....\$5.00 to \$50
- Leather Couches .....\$34 to \$100
- China Closets .....\$12.50 to \$125
- Buffets .....\$12.50 to \$200
- Parlor Tables .....\$2.00 to \$50
- Extension Tables .....\$5.00 to \$125
- Parlor Cabinets .....\$10 to \$100
- Dinner Sets .....\$4.00 to \$100
- Hoodier Kitchen Cabinets .....\$16.50 up to \$45
- Steel Ranges .....\$35 to \$65
- Oil Ring .....\$13.50 to \$100

### Gifts for Father.

- Morris Chairs .....\$5.00 to \$45
- Leather Turkish Rockers.....\$24 to \$90
- Leather Couches .....\$34 to \$100
- Rockers .....\$2.00 to \$75
- Gentlemen's Wardrobes .....\$24.50 to \$75
- Chiffoniers .....\$5.00 to \$150

### Gifts for Brother.

- Shaving Stands .....\$9.00 to \$15
- Marcy Bookcases .....\$12.50 to —
- Morris Chairs .....\$5.00 to \$45
- Easy Mission Chairs .....\$7.00 to \$45
- Library Lamps .....\$6.00 to \$15

### Gifts for Sister.

- Ladies' Desk .....\$5.00 to \$75
- Music Cabinets .....\$7.00 to \$50
- Desk Chairs .....\$4.00 to \$15
- Toilet Tables .....\$9.00 to \$150
- Piano Bench .....\$9.00 to \$25



**Writing Desk 85c**

THE BEST SPECIAL OF THE YEAR. JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS.

This Desk stands 24 inches high and 21 inches wide. Underneath the top is a blackboard. There is a roomy drawer underneath the top which will take care of all the little trinkets of the children. The desk is not a toy but can be used by the children.

ON SALE WEDNESDAY.







